

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for manufacturing a gelatinous elastomer article comprising the steps of:
  - selecting ingredients for making the gelatinous elastomer,
  - obtaining the ingredients for making the gelatinous elastomer,
  - premixing the ingredients for making the gelatinous elastomer,
  - placing the ingredients for making the gelatinous elastomer into an input end of a compounding screw,
  - turning said compounding screw and exposing the ingredients for making the gelatinous elastomer to heat and pressure as the ingredients travel along the length of the screw so that the gelatinous elastomer ingredients are compounded to form a gelatinous elastomer,
  - receiving the gelatinous elastomer at its output end,
  - permitting said gelatinous elastomer to lose heat,
  - cutting said gelatinous elastomer into pellets,
  - storing said gelatinous elastomer pellets for a period of time,
  - placing said gelatinous elastomer pellets into an input end of a compounding screw,
  - turning said compounding screw and exposing said pellets to heat and pressure so that the pellets melt to form a gelatinous elastomer composition,
  - turning said compounding screw so that said gelatinous elastomer composition travels along the length of the screw to its output end,

1 at said compounding screw output end, forcing said gelatinous elastomer composition into a  
2 forming device selected from the group consisting of molds and dies,  
3 permitting an article to be formed from the gelatinous elastomer composition in the forming  
4 device,  
5 receiving a formed gelatinous elastomer part from the forming device.